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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I. NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY

Through the cooperation of Ed Randall of WCAU-Philadelphia, there is available an excellent five minute recording of an interview with Secretary Flemming on the importance of the Christian College. Colleges and churches should request local radio stations to use it in connection with NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY. Write to - Edwin T. Randall, 122 North Providence Road, Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

A year ago, President Eisenhower made a statement on NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY. We repeat it here for further use -

> "National Christian College Day provides a timely occasion to recognize the traditional work of our churches in the field of higher education. From the earliest years of the American colonies, our church people have led in the building of schools and colleges. Inspired by the truth that sets men free, they have established a great heritage of academic training which contributes an essential quality of strength to the citizens of our country."

II. NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH COLLEGE TRUSTEES -- June 26-28, 1959 -- Lake Junaluska, North Carolina (Methodist Assembly Ground-- 20 miles west of Asheville)

Sponsored by Boards of Christian Education of the Methodist, the United Lutheran, the Disciples of Christ, the Presbyterian, U. S., the United Presbyterian, U.S.A., and the Evangelical United Brethren Churches.

In cooperation with

The Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities
and
The National Committee of Church Men for Church Colleges

WORKSHOPS -- 10:30 - 12:30 and 2:30 - 4:30

The workshops are on topics of great importance for trustees. They are planned for a "give and take" discussion and passing on information from trustee to trustee and from college to college. It is suggested that a college with a number of

trustees plan to have a trustee in as many workshops as possible. The nine Trustee Workshops are as follows:

1. WORKING TOWARD AN EFFECTIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Dr. Oliver C. Carmichael, formerly Chancellor of Vanderbilt University; Executive Secretary, Carnegie Corporation, New York; President, University of Alabama; now with the Ford Foundation, Fund for The Advancement of Education, Biltmore, North Carolina. (Selection, keeping informed, assignment of responsibility, preparing for a good meeting of the board.)

2. TRUSTEES AND FACULTIES - Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Dean of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas; author, Handbook for Trustees. (Academic freedom, tenure, understanding, proper relation to, interest in, salaries, recruiting able faculty members, etc.)

3. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHURCH COLLEGES OF THE CHANGING SITUATION IN AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION - Dr. Fred G. Holloway, President, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. (Enrollment increases, rising costs, international involvements, foreign students, etc.)

4. THE RELATION BETWEEN THE CHURCH COLLEGE AND THE CHURCH - Panel leaders to be announced later. (Sources of misunderstanding between churches and colleges, and building mutual understanding.)

5. SOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FUND-RAISING - Dr. John A. Pollard, Vice President, Council for Financial Aid to Education, New York, New York; author, Fund-Raising for Higher Education, Harper Brothers, 1958. (Campaigns for capital gifts, current support, bequests, etc.)

6. GOOD FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FOR A CHURCH COLLEGE - A Panel.
Mr. George W. Renneisen, Chairman; Treasurer, Board of Christian Education, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mr. Forrest N. Williams, Vice President, The First National Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Charles O. Emmerich, Business Manager of Emory University, Emory University, Georgia. (Principles of good financing and standards which should be maintained.)

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR A CHURCH COLLEGE - A Panel.
Mr. Milton Smith, Chairman, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois;
Dr. Emerson Reck, Wittenberg College, Springfield Ohio; Mr. Francis C. Pray, Vice-President-College Relations, Council for Financial Aid to Education, Inc., New York, N. Y. (What can trustees do in public relations?)

8. LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR CHURCH COLLEGES - Dean Francis C. Rosecrance, Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. (What part should trustees have in such long-range planning?)

9. THE USE OF GOVERNMENT MONEY BY CHURCH COLLEGES - DANGERS, BENEFITS, SAFEGUARDS - Dr. Theodore A. Distler, Executive Director, Association of American Colleges, Washington, D. C.

There isn't space to list all of them in detail, but we call attention to the 1959 Danforth Faculty Summer Seminars for college teachers wishing to explore with able leaders the relation of faith and learning. Full information may be obtained from the institution named. Scholarships are available to cover tuition, fees, board, and lodging.

DANFORTH FACULTY SEMINARS

1. Seminar on Literature and Religion, University of Chicago -- June 21 - July 1
2. Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Teachers College, Columbia -- July 27 - August 12
3. Religion and Morality in Business, Harvard School of Business Administration -- July 7 - 17
4. Religious Perspectives in College Teaching, Indiana School of Religion, Bloomington, Indiana -- July 20 - 31
5. Problems Concerning Religion and Morals, University of Minnesota -- August 16 - 28
6. Freedom, Value, and Determinism in Sociological Theory, University of North Carolina -- July 19 - August 1
7. Science Teacher Education and Religion, Pennsylvania State University -- June 14 - 26
8. Problems of Metropolitan Areas, Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University -- August 31 - September 9

OPPORTUNITY

We also remind Chaplains and religious workers with students that the Danforth Foundation has a program of grants that make possible a year of graduate study for those who have been active in this field for three years and are not over 40 years of age. Write to Dr. Robert Rankin, The Danforth Foundation, 835 South Eighth Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

NACUC CHAPLAIN REGISTRY

Speaking of Chaplains, we call attention to the new INFORMATION SERVICE the National Association of College and University Chaplains is providing for colleges and universities and professional campus religious workers. The SERVICE is designed to offer assistance to colleges and universities in the selection of a Chaplain, Dean of the Chapel, or Director of Religious Life, and to provide information about such openings to qualified personnel. It is not a placement service, but through data received from those interested in such openings and from institutions seeking such leadership provides the names of three or four persons who seem to fit the needs of the college or university. Write - Rev. Bradford S. Abernethy, Chaplain, Rutgers - The State University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

RELIGIOUS DRAMA

Students or faculty interested in Religious Drama should know of the Annual Religious Drama Workshop which will hold its eleventh session at Lake Forest College, July 25 - August 1, 1959. Write to - J. Blaine Fister, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

GIVING MADE EASY

Excellent suggestions and information for prospective donors to higher education are to be found in THE KIPLINGER TAX LETTER for November 15, 1958. Its analyzes the actual costs of such gifts when authorized tax deductions are made and outlines the best procedure. We had planned to quote the letter at some length but found at the end "Quotation not permitted". Write - The Kiplinger Washington Editors, 1729 "H" Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Worthwhile reading is this excerpt from the NCEA "Newsnotes":

"Scientists and educators have long warned against the dangers of letting the advances of natural sciences outrun those of the social sciences," says the National Science Foundation in its introduction to the recently published proceedings of the Conference on Research and Development. Dr. Martin R. Gainsbrugh, chief economist of the National Industrial Conference Board, said: "What we are spending for social research is 'peanuts.' In 1947 the whole of Federal Government spending in support of the social sciences was $35 million -- about 3.5% of the total government expenditures for science." Malvina Lindsay, columnist, offers a reason in the January 5 issue of The Washington Post: ".....fear of congressional opposition has tended to restrict research proposals that do not aim at results that can be seen, felt, or heard, and that may get into the ticklish realm of ideas." World Health (Unesco) carries the following underline beneath photos of hapless citizens of underprivileged nations: "A doctor should have a social as well as a scientific outlook," and notes that scientific research today encompasses all the problems of man and his environment; that the establishment of institutes and research laboratories is one of the greatest contributions a country can render to science, "whose field includes all phases of social and mental health." Pope John XXIII told a group of Italian jurists on December 11: "The more fully technicians are acquainted with the humanities, the more remote will be the danger of making technical progress a modern idol, no less a lie and no less ill-omened than those of old."

The Ford Foundation follows this new trend by giving $700,000 in a grant to establish a new experimental college at Wayne University, whose students will take work in the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities for four years. The balance of the funds will for the first five and one-half years be obtained from student fees and appropriations by the State of Michigan. Traditional academic studies will be combined into basic fields of knowledge; discussion groups and independent study will supplement lectures. In their senior year, students will pursue about half of their studies without direct faculty instruction."

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